

Amendment
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REMARKS

Claims 1-7 were pending in the present application. Claims 1 and 2 were rejected.
Claims 1, 2 and 4-7 are herein cancelled without prejudice.

Applicants' Response to Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102

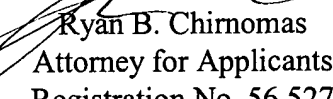
Claims 1 and 2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by
Matsumoto et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,815,060).

Claims 1 and 2 are herein cancelled without prejudice. Thus, this rejection is moot.
Claims 4-7 are also herein cancelled without prejudice. Thus, only allowable claim 3 remains.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action by applicants would be desirable to
place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone
applicants' undersigned attorney.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate
extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect
to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

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